



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

November 2017

A Circle of Giving

Dear Friends,

Inspiring philanthropy is a hallmark of the Foundation... but we never know how people will decide to practice philanthropy in their everyday lives. I want to share a story that particularly moved me.

Through our high school [Youth in Philanthropy](#) program, Olivia Rosen was introduced to the local nonprofit Hope & Comfort. [Hope & Comfort](#) provides hygiene products to support and improve the health, self-esteem, and hygiene education of children and young adults in need. Hope & Comfort was a grantee of the Foundation, and Olivia's class toured the organization.

Olivia was deeply touched by Hope & Comfort's mission. "I feel like toiletries are something that are often overlooked... and I want to be a part of changing that!" She is a prolific sewer, and already owned an Etsy shop, [Sew Cute by Liv](#). She decided to donate \$5 from every cosmetic bag sale to Hope & Comfort. So far, she has donated over \$600.



The President and Founder of Hope & Comfort, Jeff Feingold, said, "Hope and Comfort has been very fortunate to meet many great young people such as Olivia through the Youth in Philanthropy program. The passion to help people in their communities shown by Olivia and her fellow students is very inspiring to us."

The generosity of MetroWest keeps growing. I am honored to be a part of this community of philanthropists, and I hope you are, too.

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Warm regards,

Judith G. Salerno
Executive Director

Make the Most of Your Year-end Giving

Take advantage of tax benefits

Thinking about year-end giving? Want to do good while taking advantage of the market gains over the past year? You may want to consider donating appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, or mutual funds). Transferring securities that have appreciated in value (and have been held for over a year) is one way to increase itemized tax deductions and avoid paying capital gains tax. Talk to your financial advisor for more information!



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Grant Program Update

Our grantees have been busy in 2017! Check out a few of the projects from around MetroWest.



The [Waltham Boys & Girls Club](#)'s music program has welcomed students for music lessons, recording sessions, performances, and workshops.



The [Waltham Family School](#) has continued their Interactive Literacy program, serving an increased number of low-income, immigrant families with limited educational opportunities and access to family support services.



The [Robbins House](#) in Concord created three outdoor educational exhibits to provide historic context to the lives of early African Americans in the North.



The [Dedham Community House](#) has refurbished their windows in the historic Haven House, the headquarters of DCA and an important cultural and community landmark for Dedham.

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Introducing the YIP Junior Board



The Foundation for MetroWest is excited to introduce the inaugural Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) Junior Board! Functioning just like a nonprofit board, the YIP Junior Board engages high school students with opportunities to engage in local philanthropy and social entrepreneurship.

The board serves to fulfill YIP's vision of creating the MetroWest community's next generation of philanthropists and leaders, and involves this group in various aspects of decision-making related to the program, such as building awareness, recruiting future students, and fundraising. Serving on the YIP Junior Board during this critical time of growth for the program is an excellent way for our next generations' voices to be heard.

The current board is comprised of 22 YIP alumni, and we're excited to work with them as we look to build on the continued success of the program. To learn more contact [Renee Quinn](#).

We're Currently Accepting Applications for YIP!

LEXINGTON

For 7th and 8th graders who live or learn in Lexington

Deadline: December 1, 2017

LINCOLN

For 7th and 8th graders who live or learn in Lincoln

Deadline: December 1, 2017

SUDBURY

For high school students who live or learn in MetroWest

Deadline: December 18, 2017

WELLESLEY

For high school students who live or learn in Wellesley

Deadline: December 18, 2017

WESTON

For high school students who live or learn in Weston or surrounding communities

Deadline: January 5, 2018

FAMILY GIVING CIRCLE

For any MetroWest parent/guardian & child in grades 6-8

Deadline: December 18, 2017

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We're hiring! Manager of Annual Fund and Events



Are you passionate about making a difference in MetroWest communities? Love event planning and making new connections?

Join our team as the new Manager of Annual Fund and Events!

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Congratulations to the Southborough Community Fund Grantees!



On November 13, the Southborough Community Fund, a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, announced its 2017 grantees!

- Assabet Valley Mastersingers
- Friends of the Southborough Council on Aging
- Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission (Pictured)
- Pilgrim Church- The Messiah community Chorus
- Southborough Historical Society
- Southborough Library
- Southborough Open Land Foundation
- Southborough Stewardship Committee
- Thrive Support & Advocacy

Established in 2014 by local residents, the Southborough Community Fund (SCF) seeks to shine a spotlight on community needs, and to inspire philanthropic giving as a means of building a more equitable, engaged, and vibrant Southborough for now and in the future. As a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, the SCF provides ways for residents to make an immediate impact in their community and to increase the impact of their giving.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SCF AND THEIR GRANTEEES](#)

Thanks To All Who Joined Us!

We were honored to host 400 business leaders from across MetroWest at our sixth Community Leadership Breakfast! We heard from multiple speakers about the importance of corporate and personal philanthropy- check out the video! Save the date for next year, Friday, October 26, 2018!



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